GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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UNDER MEASUREMENT OF PETROL BY PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many petrol pumps in Delhi are dispensing less petrol and also over charging the consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has carried out any inspection of such arring petrol pumps;and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the punitive action taken by the Government against these petrol pumps?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d): The possibility of short delivery of petrol/diesel at Retail Outlet by some unscrupulous elements cannot be ruled out for monetary benefits.

Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that during the year 2008-09 they have carried out 1993 inspections out of which 16 cases of short delivery of petrol/diesel have been detected. Action has been taken by OMCs against the erring dealers based on the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG)/Dealership Agreement.

Regular/surprise inspections of petrol pumps are carried out by officials of OMCs at various levels to check short delivery, overcharging and other malpractices. In addition, the Weights and Measures Department of the State Government also carry out surprise checks to detect short delivery and take appropriate action.Also,the State Governments are empowered to take legal action against the defaulting dealers under the provisions of the control orders issued by the Government under the Essential Commodities Act,1955.